was extended during the year 1994-95 under which a concession of Rs. 1000/- per tonne was given on sales of Muriate of Potash (MOP) and indigenous Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP). A proportionate concession based on the phosphate and potash contents was also available on indigenous Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and complex grade fertilizers. The special concession scheme for decontrolled fertilizers has also been included in the 1995-96 budget.

Measures have also been taken to reduce the costs of production and transport of decontrolled fertilizers.

**Revoking the licensing system**

4077. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether licensing system for setting up pharmaceutical industries has been done away with and 51 per cent foreign investment has also been permitted;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue loss likely to be incurred by Govrenment as a result thereof; and

(c) how it is proposed to be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Industrial Licensing for all bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations thereof, except 5 bulk drugs reserved for manufacture in the public sector and bulk drugs produced by the use of recombinant DNA technology as well as those requiring in-vivo use of nucleic acid as the active principles, has been abolished. Foreign investment upto 51 per cent in case of all bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations thereof (except those produced by the use of recombinant DNA technology) has also been permitted in accordance with the Modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986 announced on September 15, 1994. These modifications do not have any revenue implications.

**Production of Nitrogenous Fertilizers**

4078. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the production of nitrogenous fertilizer during April—Dec., 1994 and the achievement of target during this period;

(b) the steps taken by Government to augment this both in the private as well as in the public sector in view of the increasing demand of fertilizers; and

(c) the figures of production in these two sectors State-wise for the period April—Dec., 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The target for production of nitrogenous fertilizers during the period April—December, 1994 was 59.97 lakh tonnes in terms of nutrients. As against this, the actual production during this period was 58.26 lakh tonnes.

(b) All possible steps were taken to augment production during the above period, in spite of constraints in the availability of natural gas. Additional non-plan support was also given to the two sick companies in the public sector to resume production in some of their units which had earlier suspended production for lack of funds. The actual production of nitrogenous fertilizers during this period was higher by 5.17 lakh tonnes compared to the production in the corresponding period of 1993-94.

(c) The details of state-wise production of nitrogenous fertilizers in the public (including cooperative) and private sectors during April—December, 1994 are given in the statement to this reply.